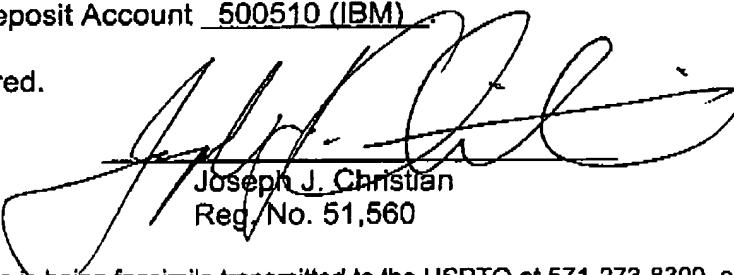
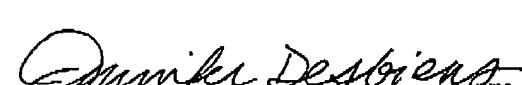


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Application Serial Number: 10/666470		Filing Date: 9/19/2003		Examiner: Sun J. Lin		Art Unit: 2825
Invention: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROBABILISTIC CRITICALITY PREDICTION OF DIGITAL CIRCUITS						
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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INDEP. CLAIMS	15	MINUS	9	6	\$200	\$1,200
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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of October 24, 2005, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

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